

KELSO CITY COUNCIL
7:00 P.M.

September 6, 2005
REGULAR MEETING

Pastor Wayne Schneider, Kelso United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Keolker, and Futcher. Councilmember Wheeler was absent from the meeting.

Minutes: Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2005, Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

APPOINTMENT:

With Council's consensus, Mayor Gregory appointed **Richard L. Philbrook**, to the **Kelso Library Board**, replacing Christi Henson.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Liquor License Application: Galovins Restaurant & Lounge, 207 Main Street

Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 05-3576 - Amending Chapter 17.50 of the Kelso Zoning Ordinance Modifying the Setback Standards for the Light Industrial Zoning District: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 05-3576, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-3533, CODIFIED AS KMC 17.50, REGARDING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 05-3575 - Amending Chapter 03-3526 Regarding Abatement of Public Nuisances: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 05-3575, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 03-3526, CODIFIED AS KMC CHAPTER 8.24, REGARDING ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) - Amending KMC 18.20.020 Adopting an Updated Critical Areas Map Entitled Digital Landslide Inventory: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3509, CODIFIED AS KMC

CHAPTER 18.20.070, ADOPTING A NEW GEOLOGICALLY HAZARDOUS AREAS MAP.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) - Adding a New Chapter to the KMC Delineated as Chapter 17.21 RSF-Z Zero Lot Line Overlay Zone; and Revising Chapter 17.12.020

Adding the RSF-Z Zoning Designation: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Futch, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO CREATING A NEW CHAPTER TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "ZERO LOT LINE OVERLAY ZONE," TO BE CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 17.21, ESTABLISHING AN OVERLAY ZONE; AMENDING SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3508, CODIFIED AS KMC CHAPTER 17.12.020, DEFINING ZONING DISTRICTS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of HVAC Bids for the Kelso Library: Library Director Geraldine Veenstra has researched several options and would like to recommend going with gas heating for an approximate cost of \$13,893, compared to \$27,000 to \$55,000 for electric heating. Lengthy discussion followed. It was Council consensus to set over for a couple of weeks to determine if we should stay with electric heat or change to gas. It was also the consensus of the Council to contact more local companies before making a decision.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: 1) Public Works Director David Sypher is unable to be here tonight so I will give his report. We are tentatively scheduled to start paving S. 8th, S. 9th, Oak, and Academy beginning September 14th to 16th. We will also begin repairing some areas where there are potholes around the City. 2) The North Kelso Sewer project should begin in approximately a week to ten days. 3) The Academy Sewer project is almost finished. 4) We still have some issues with our City Hall building. You probably noticed some of the bricks on the sidewalk out front have shifted and the area has been roped off. We have some other warranty issues concerning linoleum, a door, and an area that leaks. 5) We are trying to put together some dates to discuss the 2006 budget. 6) All Councilmembers are encouraged to attend a Water Master Plan meeting November 3rd at 7:00 P.M. in the Longview City Hall Training Room. 7) I just want to remind Councilmembers about the Regional meetings in Vancouver on September 27.

STAFF REPORTS:

Paul Brachvogel: I will give my report during Executive Session.

Kent Anderson: I have handed out a memorandum, as Councilmember Wheeler had asked for some history on the zoning ordinance and map changes. An owner who built a tri-plex in 1995 is unable to find a buyer because the banks won't loan on it due to the current regulations.

Geraldine Veenstra: 1) The Summer Reading Program was a huge success. I think we will want to continue the twice-a-week program next year. 2) Next week we will welcome our Americorps volunteer who will be with us for a year. This individual will help us expand our programming. 3) Circulation is up 7 percent overall from last year. 4) We passed our safety inspection.

Wayne Nelson: No Report.

Veryl Anderson: The Highlander Festival is September 9 to 11. I have buttons to sell for \$1. Doug Robinson is selling Rotary duck tickets. On Saturday, the food and craft vendors open at 9:00 and the Parade starts at 10:00. The Wicked Tinkers will perform Sunday. The Heavy Weight and Piping Competitions are full and lots of competitors have signed up for the Highland Dance Competitions. The Finance Department is selling lots of souvenirs, including a T-shirt which was designed by one of the girls in my office.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: 1) I have spent a lot of time looking at the Katrina disaster. We will be getting a lot more information as time goes on. 2) JH Kelly is progressing on the Stan Rister ball diamond. 3) I am wondering when we will have an open house to dedicate the Stan Rister Stadium. City Manager Robinson stated the open house will be next year, probably in April, as the McCaw family prefers to wait until the project is finished.

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David Fletcher: 1) I share Alan's concerns about the disaster in the Gulf Coast. I lived in the Mississippi area for eight years and I am concerned about people I know. I encourage Kelso citizens to help in any way they can. 2) The spray park is up and running and it's really cool! We are not officially open; however, there have been kids over there. We have some finishing touches to complete. 3) I am researching the possibility of becoming a Wi-fi hot spot here in Kelso.

Todd McDaniel: No Report.

Jack Keolker: 1) I would like to encourage everyone to shop locally and try out some of the newly-opened restaurants such as Sunrise Bagels, Kelso Café, and El Tucan. They have good selections and their prices are good. With higher gas prices, do your shopping here at Kelso True Value, Baker Lumber, the local restaurants, gas stations, and the mall.

Mark Chester: With all the communication problems they have experienced on the Gulf Coast, I am hoping we have analyzed our emergency systems locally to make sure we have back-up systems. My thoughts are with the people who have been hit so hard.

Don Gregory: School starts tomorrow so drive carefully and watch out for the children. Remember to obey the laws when you see a school bus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. At 8:37 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Fletcher, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK